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In re Application of:

Lee, et al.

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Examiner: HURT, Sharon L.

For:

NOVEL FULL-LENGTH GENOMIC RNA OF JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS, INFECTIOUS JEV CDNA THEREFROM, AND USE THEREOF

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2009, of which the three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 17, 2009. A three month Petition for Extension of Time and fee are attached hereto, extending the period for reply to October 17, 2009, which fell on a Saturday. As such, this response is being filed the next business day, October 19, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely submitted.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed along with this response.

In view of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow 10/20/2009 SMOHAMME 00000076 10529169 all claims pending in this application. -02-FC:1806----

Please amend the captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

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